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SUBJ: KOREAN QUESTION IN WHO

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1. DR. KIM CHANG HOON, ROK REPRESENTATIVE NOW TRAVELLING IN WEST AFRICA SOLICITING SUPPORT FOR ROK POSITION IN WHA, CALLED ON AMBASSADOR 2 MAY REPORTING HE HAD SPOKEN WITH FORMIN HUNLEDE AT LOME AIRPORT 30 APRIL PRIOR TO LATTER' S DEPARTURE FOR OCAM SUMMIT MEETING. KIM PRESENTED ROK' S ARGUMENT FOR NON- ADMISSION PDRK TO WHO, BUT HUNLEDE INFORMED HIM THAT GOT HAD TAKEN FIRM DECISION TO SUPPORT PDRK MEMBER-SHIP, WHICH TOGO CONSIDERED LOGICAL SEQUENCE TO RECOGNITION OF THAT GOVERNMENT. KIM PERSISTED, STATING THAT ROK WOULD BE OBLIGED TO WITHDRAW ITS TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE FROM TOGO (TWO MEDICAL DOCTORS, HOSPITAL EQUIPMENT AND SUPPLIES) BECASUE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY WOULD NOT APPROVED CONTINUED AID TO COUNTRIES WHICH FAILED SUPPORT ROK ON THIS ISSUE. HE TOLD HUNLEDE ROK WOULDSETTLE
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FOR GOT ABSTENTION OR ABSENCE OF ITS DELEGATION FROM MEETING IN WHICH VOTE TAKES PLACE, AND PLEADED WITH HIM TO MODIFY GOT POSITION. ACCORDING TO KIM, HUNLEDE FINALLY AGREED TO "RECONSIDER" POSITION.

2. KIM(S NEXT STEP WAS TO APPROACH MINISTER OF HEALTH, ALIDOU DJAFALO, WHOM HE SAW EARLY MORNING, 2 MAY. KIM SAID ALIDOU' S FIRST REACTION WAS HIGHLY SYMPATHETIC, STATING THAT ROK WAS GOOD FRIEND AND DESERVED SUPPORT. ALIDOU PROMISED TO TAKE MATTER UP WITH PRESIDENT EYADEMA AND PHONE KIM WITH RESULTS BY 10 A. M. KIM SEEMED TO THINK THERE WAS SOME POSSIBILITY GOT MIGHT BE CONVINCED TO ABSTAIN ON WHA VOTE. EMBASSY HAS NOT HEARD WHETHER ALIDOU CONTACTED KIM AGAIN PRIOR KIM' S SCHEDULED DEPARTURE FOR COTONOU BEFORE NOON.

3. WHEN ASKED WHETER HE THOUGHT PDRK MIGHT HAVE MADE EXTREMELY TEMPTING AID OFFER TO GOT IN RETURN FOR PROMISE OF SUPPORT, KIM SAID IT PROBABLY HAD, MAYBE SOMETHING IN NEIGHBORHOOD OF \$1 MILLION, ALTHOUGH HE HAD NO IDEA WHAT FORM SUCH AID MIGHT TAKE AND DID NOT INDICATE HOW HE ARRIVED AT THIS FIGURE. HOWEVER, HE SAID HE WARNED TOGOLESE THAT PDRK HAD HISTORY OF PROMISING AID AND NOT COMING THROUGH, AND HE CITED CAR EXAMPLE TO THEM.

4. KIM SAID ROK WOULD GO AHEAD WITH PLANS TO ESTABLISH EMBASSY IN LOME HEADED BY CHARGE D' AFFAIRES EVEN IF GOT VOTED IN FAVOR OF PDRK ADMISSION TO WHO, AS THIS WAS ONLY WAY TO MAINTAIN ROK PRESENCE AND INFLUENCE IN FACE PDRK DECISION TO ESTABLISH EMBASSY HERE.

5. COMMENT: EMBASSY BELIEVES KIM IS OVERLY OPTIMISTIC WITH RESPECT TO POSSIBILITY GOT ABSTENTION ON WHO VOTE. HUNLEDE' S UNEQUIVOCAL FIRST RESPONSE TO KIM TO EFFECT THAT GOT HAD TAKEN ITS DECISION BACKED UP EQUALLY ADAMANT STATEMENT OF GOT VIEWS BY SEC GEN MFA SAVI DE TOVE TO DCM ON 19 APRIL. HUNLEDE' S PROMISE TO KIM TO RECONSIDER PROBABLY WAS HIS METHOD OF DISENGAGING HIMSELF FROM FURTHER DISCUSSION WITH TENACIOUS INTERLOCATEUR. IF ALIDOU DOES RAISE QUESTION WITH PRESIDENT AS PROMISED, IT IS HIGHLY UNLIKELY THAT EYADEMA WOULD AUTHORIZE ANY MODIFICATION GOT POLICY WITHOUT FIRST DISCUSSING WITH HUNLEDE (WHO WILL BE ABSENT AT OCAM SUMMIT FOR AT LEAST A WEEK). IN END EYADEMA WILL NO DOUBT FOLLOW HUNLEDE' S ADVICE WHICH WE CONFIDENTIAL

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HAVE EVERY REASON TO BELIEVE WILL BE TO HEW TO ORIGINAL DECISION AND VOTE IN FAVOR OF PDRK.
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